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**Orange County's 4th Consecutive Year of Over One Million
Property Documents Recorded**

For the fourth consecutive fiscal year, which began last July 1 and will end June 30 of this year, the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department has recorded over one million property documents. Of the fifty-eight counties in California, Orange County continues to be busier than all other counties except L.A. County.

"I am proud of the improvements we have established to make the recording of transactions faster, more convenient and more secure for our customers. Even as the volume of documents increases, the average length of time for our customers to record their important documents has continued to decrease," said Tom Daly, the Orange County Clerk-Recorder.

The recording of these documents is an indication of the continuing strong level of economic activity in the county.

All property transactions, including the buying and selling of real estate, must be recorded with the Clerk-Recorder Department. Under state law, the Clerk-Recorder Department is responsible for the examining and recording of documents that relate to ownership of property in Orange County.

The recordings are the official permanent record to protect such transactions as the purchasing and selling of property in the county. This also includes the recording of title documents, note, liens, home loans, payoffs, refinancing by homeowners, title companies, mortgage companies and government agencies involved in the county's real estate transactions.

These are the actual numbers for the past four years:

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department
Recorded Property Documents

Fiscal Year	Recorded Property Documents
Fiscal Year 04-05	1,006,669 (as of June 9, 2005)
Fiscal Year 03-04	1,367,274
Fiscal Year 02-03	1,424,379
Fiscal Year 01-02	1,074,778

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